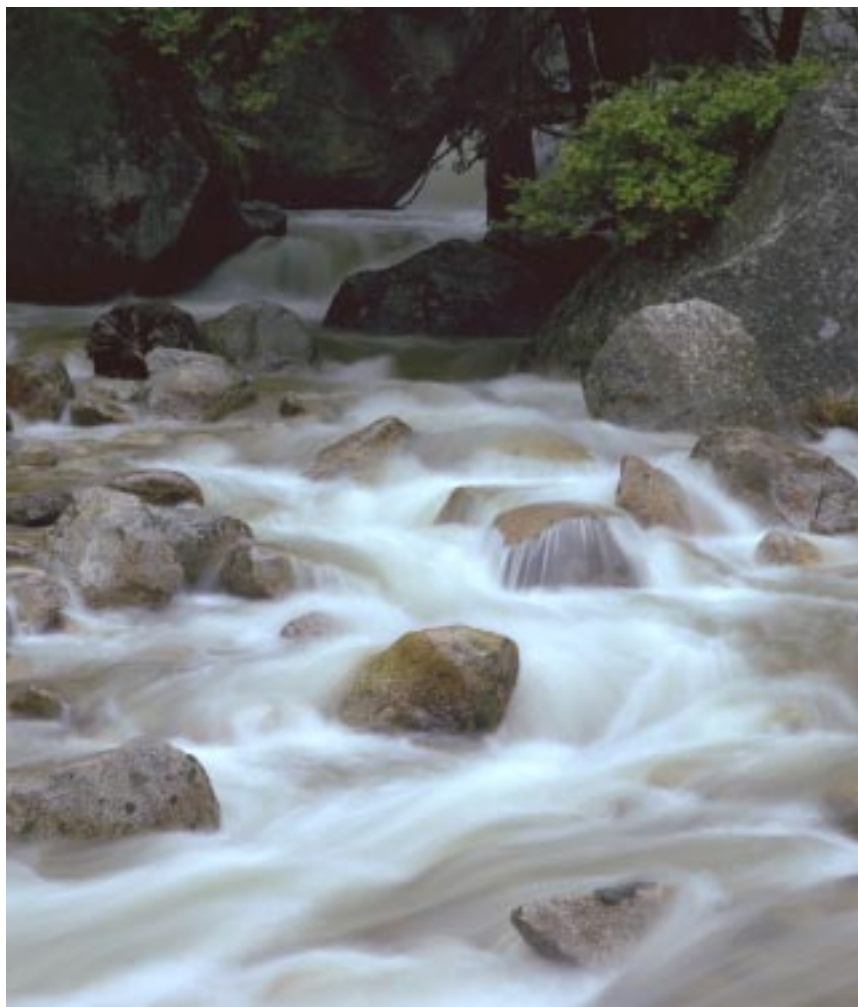


# California Water Plan Update 2003

*The* Department of Water Resources has embarked on a fundamentally new approach, scope, and process for preparing the *California Water Plan Update 2003* (Bulletin 160-03). The update will be:

- California's plan or strategy to meet the State's future water needs
- a useful reference and users' guide for water planners and decision makers
- a living document integrating statewide and local planning initiatives
- consistent with *California Water Code* requirements
- prepared with significant input from stakeholders



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## *California Water Plan Update 2003 will:*

- assess California's current water supplies and uses for urban, agricultural, environmental, and other purposes, and forecast a range of future water needs
- identify and evaluate strategies and options to meet future needs, mindful of the various statewide regions and possible "futures"
- establish monitoring criteria to measure the effectiveness of implemented options
- evaluate the status and interaction of other major programs on California's water resources such as CALFED, the Colorado River Board, the Central Valley Project Improvement Act, the State Water Resources Control Board Bay-Delta water rights hearings, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission re-licensing, and many other programs



## *California Water Plan Update 2003 Process*

The **NEW** process will:

- promote an open, collaborative, and stakeholder-based strategic planning process
- include mediation/facilitation services to implement a consensus-seeking process
- assemble a significantly expanded and representative public Advisory Committee to assist DWR in preparing *Update 2003*
- use other forums, such as the Extended Review Forum (currently about 250 individuals), to actively involve other State, federal, and local government representatives; local water interests; the general public; and the media



- make available and accessible supporting data, assumptions, methods, and results
- use eGovernment technology and methods to facilitate, manage, and document data and information exchange
- periodically brief the Governor's Office, Legislature, The Resources Agency, the California Water Commission and other water interests on the process

## ***Work Plan to Meet Statutory Deadlines***

<b>Spring— Fall 2001</b>	prepare draft “assumptions” document for January 1, 2002 release date
<b>Late 2001— Winter 2002</b>	prepare public review draft of <i>California Water Plan Update 2003</i>
<b>Spring 2003</b>	hold public hearings to receive input on the review draft
<b>Summer— Fall 2003</b>	prepare final version of <i>California Water Plan Update 2003</i> for release by December 31, 2003



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